

(MR. SPEAKER)

whatever period is required, not because the Communists may be doing it, not because we seek their votes but because it is right to do so."

We in India can never forget the sympathy he had for our struggle to improve the standard of living in the country and for the very many different kinds of aid he gave to us in order to successfully implement our plans. We can also never forget the speech with which he responded to our request for help during the Chinese aggression. It is said that at the time of the crisis that faced India, he was in telephonic communication with the leaders of other Western countries in order to channelise and speed up help that they have to our country.

In spite of preoccupations with his high office, he was also very much a family man, a loving husband and parent. The Kennedy family has now come to occupy a warm place not only in the hearts of Americans but of everyone throughout the world.

His death is a loss to mankind and to the cause of peace. Let us hope that what he sought to achieve before his death would stand as a guide before those throughout the world who are charged with high responsibilities for the maintenance of world peace.

In this dark hour of tragedy and gloom let us send to Mrs. Kennedy, to the other members of his family and to the people of America, our expression of sympathy and sorrow.

Equally tragic has been the accident in Jammu which resulted in the death of five top military officers of the Indian Armed Forces. Each one of them had a distinguished career, had made a mark either in the army or air force and was on a tour of inspection in the course his duty. When the accident resulted in his death. To the members of the bereaved families let us send our sympathy and expression of sorrow.

It is said that misfortune never comes singly. Soon after we received information of these tragedies came the news of the death of Sri Kannamwar, Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Born in 1900 Sri Kannamwar entered the freedom movement at a very early age. He was imprisoned in 1923 and has been continuously in and out of jail till 1945. He was a Member of the All-India Congress Committee since 1938, he was Secretary of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee from 1939 to 1948. Later he became the President of the P.C.C. and occupied that post till 1952. He interested himself early in life in social service. He was President of the Nagpur Pradesh Bharat Sevak Samaj and the Village Uplift Society. He was an educationist and also made a name in the journalistic fields having started a newspaper as far back as 1933. He was a Parliamentarian of longstanding and held Cabinet posts in Madhya Pradesh, the erstwhile Bombay State and in Maharashtra. He was a Member of the first Parliament of India. After the reorganisation of States, he was Minister in the Bombay Ministry and was elected as Leader and Chief Minister when Mr. Chavan